Attack on Journalists and Non-Journalists

235. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of attack on Journalists and non-Journalists of newspaper establishments and on the staff of news agencies occurred in various parts of the country during the last two years indicating the place, nature of incidence and reasons for the same;

(b) what remedial steps Governments have been taken to prevent such incidents and the instructions issued to various State Governments to stop the occurrence of such physical assaults; and

(c) whether Government propose to issue a white paper of these incidents and Government's policy on this important matter guaranteeing safety of media persons so essential for preservation of democratic values and freedom of press ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) The information is being obtained from the State Governments/UTs and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c) With a view that the journalists are able to discharge their professional duties effectively and in an independent manner, the State Governments have, from time to time, been advised to ensure prompt registration and investigation of cases relating to attack on journalists and to take action against erring officials.

Foreigners' Activities in North Eastern States

236. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of tile activities of foreign nationals in North Eastern States of the country during the last six months;

(b) if so, the nationalities of such foreigners ; and

(c) the measures Government have taken or propose to take to repatriate them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Entry of foreign nationals in the North East is governed by Foreigners (Protected Areas) Order 1958 and Foreigners (Restricted Area) Order, 1963. No foreign national can enter or stay there without obtaining a Restricted/Protected area permit from the competent authority. So far, the Restricted/Protected area permit system has been working satisfactorily. However, the cases ol two British nationals entering into Nagaland in November, 1991 without the required permit has come to notice. During their stay in Nagaland they met several underground activists and collected evidence on the alleged 'human rights violations'. They were arrested by the security forces on 30-1-1992 under the National Security Act and a case registered against them.

(c) The question of their repatriation does not arise at this stage, as the matter is sub-judice.

237. *[Transferred to the 1th May,* VTTB]

Conference of Chief Ministers of Terrorist Affected States

238. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a conference of the Chief Ministers of the terrorist affected States was held recently in Delhi;

(b) if so, the Chief Ministers who participated in the conference; and

(c) the details 6f the joint action plan, if any, evolved at the conference ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Chief Ministers of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Lt Governor of Delhi and the Administrator of Chandigarh attended the Conference. The Chief Ministers of Gujarat and Maharashtra were represented by their State Ministers.

(c) It was decided to take coordinated measures to deal with terrorism, strengthen anti-terrorist operations and have frequent exchange/sharing of information among the affected States.

आतंकवादियों द्वारा आत्म-समर्पण

239. डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अनेक आतंकवादियों ने हाल ही में पंजाब, जम्मू और कश्मीर तथा असम में आत्म-समर्पण किया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले दो महीनों के दौरान कितने आतंकवादियों ने आत्म-समर्पण किया है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब) : (क) और (ख) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार मार्च तथा अप्रैल, 1992 के दौरान (19-4-92) तक) पंजाब में 87 उग्रवादियों ने आत्म-समर्पण किया । इनमें वे 40 उग्रवादी भी शामिल हैं जिन्होंने 4 अप्रैल, 1992 को आत्म-समर्पण किया था । जम्मू और कश्मीर तथा असम के बारे में सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है ।

चुनावों के दौरान नागरिकों की पहचान पत्रों का जारी किया जाना

240. श्री अजीत जोगी :
कुमारी आलिया :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार चुनावों के दौरान और वित्तीय संस्थाओं के साथ लेन-देन करते समय नागरिकों की पहचान के प्रयोजनार्थ सभी नागरिकों को ऐसे पहचान पत्र जिनमें उनसे संबंधित पूरी जानकारी दी गई हो, जारी करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब) : (क) और (ख) सरकार मतदाताओं को पहचान पत्र जारी करने के मामले पर विचार कर रही है । ब्यौरे तैयार नहीं किए गए हैं ।

Seizure of Smack from Undertriab in Tihu Jail

241. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the newsitem which appear cd in the Statesman of the 30th March 1992 regarding seizure of smack fron Tihar Jail undertrials;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to pre vent passage of narcotics and drugs in th jails ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH] MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AP FAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STAT IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIR (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Following information a raid ws-conducted on 28-3-92 by the Kail officia and 7 packs of smack weighing about 3 grams were recovered from 5 prisoner